

## **Pierce Pepin considers community solar for members**

**Ellsworth, Wis. [July 2, 2015]** Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is exploring member interest in a community solar initiative to install 100 kilowatts of solar generation at its property located about 1/8 mile south of its headquarters along Highway 63. The “Live Better with Community Solar” project would provide cooperative members the opportunity to purchase affordable solar renewable energy without the barriers associated with owning and maintaining their own systems. Obstacles like upfront costs, poor location, improper roof orientation or structural issues, excessive shading, and local restrictions are often difficulties faced by homeowners who want to install solar systems.

The community solar system would be developed and operated by the cooperative, with the member-owners able to participate in the project based on their level of need and interest. Costs for the project would be covered by participating members through their per-unit subscription payments. Nonparticipating members would see no changes or additional charges to their bills because of the project.

“We’re excited to offer Pierce Pepin members the opportunity to participate in solar electricity generation without the expense and hassle of owning their own systems,” said Larry Dokkestul, president and CEO. “By working together, we grow our renewable energy resources and our members can benefit from solar power without the barriers.”

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services invites its members to attend one of three informational meetings to learn more about the Live Better with Community Solar project. Questions may be directed to the Member Services Department at 715-273-4355, 800-924-2133, [info@piercepepin.com](mailto:info@piercepepin.com), or visit [www.piercepepin.com](http://www.piercepepin.com) for information.

### Meeting Location

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services  
W7725 U.S. Highway 10  
Ellsworth WI 54011

### Meeting Dates/Time

Wednesday, July 22 – 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, July 30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 11 – 5:30 p.m.

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### About Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is an energy services cooperative located in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, offering electric utility services to homes and businesses. PPCS also offers propane products and services through its subsidiary, Pierce Pepin Propane Services. As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is committed to excellence, innovation and integrity, and is dedicated to helping its communities live better. For more information, call 1-800-924-2133 or visit [www.piercepepin.com](http://www.piercepepin.com).